

**From:** beamishboy <justjack@spectra.net>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 8/31/95 1:10am  
**Subject:** Citizen's Input / Proposed CTA Rules

Commissioner Rachelle Chong  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

I am very glad the Commission is considering these new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

It took parents groups over twenty years to pass the Children's Television Act, yet now, without these "quantitative" guidelines, we continue to be frustrated by the slow pace of compliance by broadcasters.

Broadcasters have at their disposal an invaluable resource for children. Yet the record shows that without stricter regulation, this positive potential for kids will remain unfulfilled. With your vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all our kids will benefit.

Sincerely,

S/

John M. Hayes

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**From:** <KLEINJ@KUHUB.CC.UKANS.EDU>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/5/95 11:01 pm  
**Subject:** Children's TV Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

Please vote for the new rules to require television stations to provide a minimum of 3 to 5 hours of educational programming per week for children. As you know, the Children's Television Act of 1990 has not changed broadcasters' behaviors or attitudes. The act needs greater enforcement through more specific definitions of "educational," so that cartoons and situation comedies will not be substituted for quality educational programming.

As a children's theatre director, I know well the differences between light-hearted performances which only entertain and those which offer light-hearted performances which only entertain and those which offer more serious, aesthetic, and cultural perspectives of children's lives. Please help see to it that children receive a more balanced diet of culture and education on national television.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeanne Klein  
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**From:** Denise Matthews <denise\_matthews@qm.server.ufl.edu>  
**To:** Rachelle Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 9/5/95 8:41pm  
**Subject:** Children's TV Act Comment

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OFFICE MEMO Children's TV Act Comment Date: 9/5/95

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20541

Sept. 5, 1995

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

Please vote for the new rules to require TV stations to provide specific amount of educational programming for children each week--As you will see by reading the enclosed academic article (file= CTA.AEJ Final)--I have closely examined the license renewal review process by visiting and interviewing those involved in the implementation process and found it to be inadequate in meeting the intent of the Children's TV Act that more educational and informational programming be provided for children. The current proposal requiring a minimum of 3-5 hours per week of programming that has been subjected to some type of review process ( independent of the broadcast industry) in order to determine the educational/ informational value of the programming is a positive step to redressing the inadequacies of the current policy.

Sincerely,

Denise Matthews, Ph.D.  
Institute for Child Health Policy denise\_matthews@qm.server.ufl.edu

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**From:** Eileen Duff  
**To:** Rchong  
**Date:** 9/7/95 3:47pm  
**Subject:** New Mailbox

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Your new RBCHONG mailbox has been installed. You need to log in under RBCHONG to access it. The password is 'password' - once you change it Jerry from Helpdesk needs to know to load it onto your Groupwise Remote.

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**From:** <May.To@ncal.kaiperm.org>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 2:46pm  
**Subject:** Support new rule for edu. TV programs

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REC'D 10:00AM

Dear Commissioner Chong,

Please vote YES on the new rule requiring TV stations to provide a specific number of hours of educational program each week. Please also recognize the need to further define what programs qualify to be classified as educational.

Thank you!

May To  
650 Castro Street  
Mountain View  
CA 94041

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**From:** Sheridan N Bartlett <sbartlett@educ.umass.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/5/95 9:14am  
**Subject:** FCC proposals

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

As the parent of four children, and a researcher on the home environments of young children in poverty, I urge you to support the FCC proposals for increased hours of educational programming for children. Many young children in our society live very limited and constrained lives, and seldom leave their homes. Television is frequently used as a means of keeping children occupied and controlled in environments which offer few opportunities for active play, and little else in the way of stimulation. Educational programming is no panacea for the larger ills of society, but at the very least it can ensure that some of the watching hours of children carry with them some benefits. Thank you  
Sheridan Bartlett, Windmill Hill north, RFD 4, Putney Vermont.

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**From:** LORI STRECK 656-4408 <streckl@athena.uhc.uvm.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(RCHONG)  
**Date:** 8/31/95 10:01am  
**Subject:** FCC REGULATIONS

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DEAR MS. CHONG,

PLEASE SUPPORT THE NEW PROPOSALS FOR FCC REGULATIONS THAT MANDATE 3-5 HOURS PER WEEK OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION. THE CHILDREN'S TELEVISION ACT HAS NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE IN GETTING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON THE AIR. WE NEED QUANTITATIVE GUIDELINES TO HELP GET THESE PROGRAMS ON THE AIR. PLEASE DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO HELP GET THIS PROCESS UNDERWAY. THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,

LORI ANDERSEN  
20 ARTHUR COURT  
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**From:** Unprivileged user <nobody@wwa.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(KIDSTV)  
**Date:** 10/18/95 1:32am  
**Subject:** non-competition for airwaves

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Not only will I not vote for any elected official who fails to promote a competitive environment for the emerging information industry, I will also actively discourage others from doing so as well.

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**From:** Unprivileged user <nobody@wwa.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(KIDSTV)  
**Date:** 10/24/95 10:39am

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I was concerned to read of the upcoming plane to give away our nations airways to the already rich T.V. industry. In these times of economic disparity, these types of "gifts" are totaly out of line. I urge you to consider an alternative to this plan. These funds could be distributed to the states to use towards education.

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To: rachel chong <rchong@fcc.gov>  
Date: 9/1/95 10:14am  
Subject: Children's Television

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From: Kennedy, R on Fri, Sep 1, 1995 9:10 AM  
19 Christopher Drive  
Oxford, Ohio 45056

Subject: Children's tv

Commissioner R. Chong  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who is interested in the future of children, I am writing to ask that you please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specified amount of educational programming for children each week.

I am thrilled that the Commission is considering such rules that will fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational television for children.

It took interested groups over twenty years to pass the CTA. However, without quantitative guidelines, we continue to be frustrated by the slow pace of compliance by broadcasters.

Broadcasters have at their disposal an invaluable resource for children. Yet the record shows that without stricter regulation, this positive potential for children will remain unfulfilled. With your vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all children in the United States will benefit.

**From:** Marc Rogers <mrogers@mindspring.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 8/31/95 8:51pm

Commissioner Rachelle Chong  
Federal Communications Commission  
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As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

I am very glad the Commission is considering these new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

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Sincerely,

Marc Rogers

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From: <chickman@womenscol.stephens.edu>  
To: A7.A7(rchong)  
Date: 9/1/95 9:54am  
Subject: FCC's proposal for Children's TV

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Commissioneer Rachelle Chong:

I want to add my voice to the many others that are concerned about what children are watching on TV. I STRONGLY support the requirement that stations provide a specific number of hours of educational programming each week!! I am shocked at what some stations feel are appropriate children's TV shows ("The Jetsons") for educational purposes.

I feel that at a minimum there should be 3-5 hours of programming each week which is aimed at the education of our children. Since we have so many children parked in front of the TV set (which is another problem) we, as a society, might as well use this time to help educate our future citizens.

Please vote for the substantive and meaningful implementation of the Children's Television Act. Thank you!

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\* Catherine Hickman, Ph.D. \* "Argue for your limitations,  
\* Stephens College \* and sure enough, they're  
\* Columbia MO 65215 \* yours."  
\* CHICKMAN@womenscol.stephens.edu \* \* Voice: 314.876.7129 \* --Richard Bach \*  
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From: Jeanne Dutton <dutton@btny.purdue.edu>  
To: Congresswoman Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>  
Date: 9/1/95 12:00pm  
Subject: Television

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Subject: Television  
Date: 9/1/1995 Time: 10:56 AM

Botany and Plant Pathology

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If TV doesn't influence us, why do Coke, Pepsi, etc. etc. etc. spend billions of dollars every year for advertising?

I am very glad the Commission is considering new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

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It is absolutely essential that we protect and provide for our children, and television programming needs a boost in the right direction. Please, think of our children and help us.

Thanks you.  
Jeanne Dutton dutton@btny.purdue.edu

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**From:** vaughan <vaughan@infi.net>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 11:17am  
**Subject:** Children's Television

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Ms. Chong;

I am a high school teacher and I have just recently read about the issue before the FCC to change regulations about children's television. In the classroom I constantly see children who have learned more from television than they have from their parents or church or school. That is not to say that what they have learned from television is moral or good or healthy. Much of it is not. Please vote to ensure programming for children.

I have talked with local program directors in the past and they have made it clear to me that the bottom line of a station is money. It is not the children, or the future of the community. It is the station's current income. I wish programmers and businesses could be counted on to respond to community needs, but to a corporate entity like a television or radio station, the responsibility to stockholders usually is more important than responsibility to community, and especially to children, who have little purchasing power and even less voice in programming.

Thank you!

Hal Vaughan

(vaughan@infi.net)

Hal Vaughan  
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**From:** Danny Gregory <dog666@inch.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 12:26pm  
**Subject:** the Children's Television Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

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Sincerely,  
Daniel & Patti Gregory  
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**From:** <jim\_french@mk.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 11:33am  
**Subject:** ...no subject...

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Commissioner Rachele Chong: rchong@fcc.gov

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

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Thanks,

--Jim French  
1697 Visalia Ave  
Berkeley, CA 94707

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**From:** Philip Selznick <selznick@uclink2.berkeley.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(sness)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 12:30pm  
**Subject:** Children's Television Act

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I am writing in support of proposed changes that would strengthen educational programming under the Children's Television Act. I believe that it is not enough to oppose the increase in violence and sex that our children are exposed to on television. We must also see that there are more programs that mitigate the violence and provide children with stimulating educational programs that can channel their development in a more wholesome direction. For this reason I urge you to support the new definition of "educational programming," and the quantitative guidelines that ask local stations to provide a specific number of hours of educational programming each week to maintain their licenses.

Recently, the MacNeil/Lehrer news hour interviewed children on their attitude toward regulation of television programming. Many did not believe the regulation would be sufficient, not could it even attempt to counteract the real violence that exists in many communities today. However, all agreed that more wholesome television programs would make a difference in the lives of youngsters, many of whom are not fortunate enough to have parental supervision. You can help those (and all) youngsters by strengthening the provisions for educational programming. Thank you.

Doris Fine  
Berkeley, California  
League of Women Voters Education Chairman

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**From:** Gina Chorover <gxc20@omnibus.ce.psu.edu>  
**To:** Commissioner Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 9/1/95 12:14pm  
**Subject:** Children's Television Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

I am writing to indicate my support of the Children's Television Act. As a mother of two small children, I am increasingly upset over the quality of television in general, and children's television in particular. Because the state of network television is so bad, I try to limit my children's TV time to public television only. But as they grow up, I will no longer be able to limit them as much. It is unfortunate that broadcasters are irresponsible enough to have to be forced, via legislation, to provide quality (fun, educational, stimulating) children's programming.

I hope that you will vote in favor of this important piece of legislation. Now, more than ever, this country seems willing to sacrifice the health of its culture, community, environment and its children. We cannot let children be the victims again.

Respectfully,  
Gina Chorover  
209 Hickory Road, State College, PA 16801

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**From:** Loretta M. McGregor <lnmcgregor@sau460.saumag.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 1:55pm  
**Subject:** The Children's Television Act.

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Sincerely,

Loretta Neal McGregor  
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**Date:** 9/1/95 2:46pm  
**Subject:** Support new rule for edu. TV programs

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

Please vote YES on the new rule requiring TV stations to provide a specific number of hours of educational program each week. Please also recognize the need to further define what programs qualify to be classified as educational.

Thank you!

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**From:** Scott J. Spear, MD <sjspear@facstaff.wisc.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 8/31/95 6:52pm  
**Subject:** childrens' television

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As a pediatrician and a father who cares a lot about the future of our children, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

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Sincerely,

Scott J. Spear, MD

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**From:** <KUJOVSKY@lvc.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 8:35am  
**Subject:** QUALITY TV FOR CHILDREN

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Dear Commissioner Chong, please consider voting for more hours of educational/quality television for our children. It is our job as the adults and leaders of this country to supply our youth with the tools and visions for tomorrow. If we leave this to chance, they will fall by the wayside due to the lack of our initiative to take a stand forward in what is set before them.

I hope you will consider voting for this very valuable line of communication which will reach the many children who are often unattended. Thank you for any consideration you give this.

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**From:** Michael Nielsen <mnielsen@gsvms2.cc.gasou.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 9:47am  
**Subject:** children's tv

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

I would like to voice my support for the proposal to require television stations to devote a minimal number of hours each week to children's programming. Because data suggests that TV to be supplanting reading as a means of children's education it is critical that programming be more than entertainment.

Sincerely,

Michael Nielsen

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**From:** Chuck Woletz <woletz@u.washington.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/1/95 1:55am  
**Subject:** Quality Children's Programming

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

On behalf of our nation's children and our nation's future I strongly urge you to support the requirement for quality educational programming on television. The TV has become such a powerful presence in young children's lives and I believe the habitual consumption of violence and adult themes is negatively affecting their development. Certainly the research suggests a myriad of destructive consequences due to TV viewing. Please vote in favor of children! Thank you.

Charles A. Woletz (parent and teacher)  
317 18th Ave. E. #3  
Seattle, WA 98112

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**From:** Eric and Martha Robinson <robinson@wwa.com>  
**To:** Rachel Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 9/1/95 7:14am  
**Subject:** My children

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Greetings,

I have three children. I allow them to watch tv, quite often. My concern is the impact much of the tv aimed at my children is having on my children. I fear the materialism and the violence. I watch with them at times to understand what they watch. Some incredibly violent advertisements for movies rated R constantly show during kids tv.

Please stop the violence aimed at my children. Please support the new effort to increase the mandatory children's programming with an honorably educational slant. It is only slated for 3 to 5 hours a week? It should be that per day! I love public tv kids programming. Have private stations pay to support public tv.

Probably to many topics. I hope you will help me raise my children by raising the standards of the tv programming.

Sincerely,  
Eric Robinson father of 3 kids age 7, age 5 and again age 5.  
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